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Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the aims and purposes of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, as enshrined in the Bangkok Declaration of 8 August 1967,[1] in particular the maintenance of close and beneficial cooperation with existing international and regional organizations with similar aims and purposes,

Recalling all previous resolutions on cooperation between the United Nations and the Association,[2]

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1331, No. 22341.
[2] Resolutions 57/35, 59/5 and 61/46.

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Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Association,[3]

Noting with satisfaction that the activities of the Association are consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Welcoming efforts to strengthen partnership between the United Nations and regional organizations and, in this context, welcoming also efforts to strengthen cooperation between the United Nations system and the Association,

Welcoming also the participation of the Association in the high-level meetings between the United Nations and regional organizations, as well as the collaboration between the Association and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific to promote dialogue and cooperation among regional organizations in Asia and the Pacific,

Welcoming further the Association as an observer in the General Assembly,

Recalling the First and Second Association of Southeast Asian Nations-United Nations Summits, held in Bangkok on 12 February 2000 and at United Nations Headquarters on 13 September 2005, respectively, and the commitment of leaders of the Association and the Secretary-General of the United Nations to further broaden cooperation between the Association and the United Nations,

1. *Welcomes* the signing on 20 November 2007 of the Charter of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations by leaders of the Association at the Thirteenth Association Summit, held in Singapore from 18 to 22 November 2007, which represents a historic milestone for the Association, reflecting a common vision and commitment to the development of an Association community so as to ensure lasting peace, stability, sustained economic growth, shared prosperity and social progress in the region;

2. *Continues to encourage* both the United Nations and the Association to further strengthen and expand their areas of cooperation and, in this context, welcomes the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Association and the United Nations on Association-United Nations cooperation at United Nations Headquarters on 27 September 2007, which aims at establishing a partnership between the Association and the United Nations that will encompass the full range of cooperation based on mutual benefits;

3. *Commends* the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the member States of the Association for their efforts to hold regular meetings, on an annual basis, with the presence of the Secretary-General of the Association, during the regular session of the Assembly, with a view to further strengthening the cooperation between the United Nations and the Association;

4. *Continues to encourage* the United Nations and the Association to convene Association-United Nations Summits regularly, and underlines the importance of the presence thereat of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and heads of relevant United Nations departments, funds and programmes, and specialized agencies, and, in this context, welcomes the decision to convene the Third Association-United Nations Summit, to be held in Bangkok on 18 December 2008;

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[3] A/63/228-S/2008/531, sect. II.C.

5. *Recognizes* the value of partnership between the United Nations and the Association in providing timely and effective responses to global issues of mutual concern, in the context of partnership between the United Nations and regional organizations, and thus encourages the United Nations and the Association to explore concrete measures for closer cooperation, particularly in the areas of food and energy security and achievement of the Millennium Development Goals;

6. *Welcomes* the establishment of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Humanitarian Task Force for the Victims of Cyclone Nargis, and acknowledges the progress achieved in assisting the post-Nargis relief work by the Tripartite Core Group comprising the Government of Myanmar, the United Nations and the Association, and the assistance provided by the international community to those in need;

7. *Encourages* effective cooperation between Association member countries and the appropriate United Nations organizations in the delivery of operational activities in the area of development at the country level;

8. *Takes note* of the efforts of the Association to hold meetings with other regional organizations at the fringes of the sessions of the General Assembly to promote cooperation in support of multilateralism;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

10. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fifth session the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations".